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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (previously withdrawn): A solid preparation packaging apparatus comprising: a plurality of tablet cases in which respective types of solid preparations are contained; and a thermally fusible packaging paper wound around in a roll shape, so that the solid preparation discharged from said tablet case is packaged in said packaging paper,

wherein said packaging paper is wound around a periphery of a shaft member detachably attached to a rotation shaft to form the roll shape, an engaging portion is formed in said rotation shaft, and an engaged portion attachably/detachably joined to said engaging portion is formed in said shaft member.

Claim 2. (previously withdrawn): The solid preparation packaging apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the engaging portion is formed to project outside from a base portion of the rotation shaft disposed in an upright manner, the shaft member has a hollow tubular shape, and the engaged portion is notched/formed in an edge of the shaft member.

Claim 3. (previously withdrawn): The solid preparation packaging apparatus according to claim 1 or 2 wherein a plurality of engaging portions and engaged portions are formed.

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Claim 4. (canceled):

Claim 5. (canceled):

Claim 6. (canceled):

Claim 7. (canceled):

Claim 8. (currently amended): A paper roll for packaging a solid preparation, comprising:
an elongated hollow wall defining a tubular shaft member having ~~an~~ concentrically spaced
inside and outside surfaces, said outside surface being adapted for receiving a thermally fusible
packaging paper wound therearound; and

at least one notch ~~formed in~~ having a limited length from an end of said shaft member, said
notch being defined by a recess disposed in the inner surface of said wall of said shaft member
communicating with the end of said shaft member and extending to a ~~location~~ radial depth short of
the outside surface thereof.

Claim 9. (currently amended): A paper roll for packaging a solid preparation, according to
claim 8 including a plurality of notches disposed about a circumference of the inside ~~wall~~ surface
of the shaft member.